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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 136
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Eve Hamilton and the 1996-1997 Dickson County High School girls' basketball team on reaching the semifinal round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the powerful 1996-1997 Dickson High School girls' basketball team recently climaxed an outstanding season by reaching the semifinal round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this was the team's first appearance in the prestigious State Tournament since the consolidation of schools in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars showed early signs of greatness when they won the regular season District 10-AAA championship, with a record of 9-1; and

WHEREAS, Dickson County next won the coveted District 10-AAA title, with impressive victories over Henry County 53-42 and Northeast 60-43; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Lady Cougars won the Region 5-AAA championship by defeating Brentwood High School 46-38, Henry County 70-53 and LaVergne 75-57; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, this tremendously talented team defeated Hillsboro 70-52; and

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WHEREAS, at the state tournament, Dickson County beat Father Ryan in first-round action; and

WHEREAS, the team set an enviable school record for wins with 30, lost just 3, 2 of which come at the hands of Oak Ridge and Hickman County, both state champions. Their excellent winning percentage was .909; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach Eve Hamilton and her capable Assistant Coach Tom Benjamin have done a great job preparing the team for the rigors of championship play; and

WHEREAS, the team has been led by senior forward Amanda Byars, who was chosen All-District 10-AAA Tournament, All-Region 5-AAA tournament and All-State Tournament; junior forward Jennifer Fambrough, an All-District 10-AAA Tournament, All-Region 5-AAA Tournament and All-State Tournament choice; senior guard Jennifer Tigert, member of the All-Region 5-AAA Tournament squad; sophomore center Amanda Stringer, an All-District 10-AAA Tournament and All-Region 5-AAA Tournament team member; and senior guard Shannon Sharp, a member of the All-District 10-AAA Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, each of the other members of the team: seniors Andrea Duke and Terry Deloach; juniors Kristen Mattio, Cynethia Greer and Kimberly Corlew; and sophomores Leah Ford, Shelitta Harper, Brandi Baird and Dorothy Daniel, have made a major contribution to the success the team has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars have been enthusiastically supported by their fine principal, Ralph Overton; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this notable squad on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Eve Hamilton and the 1996-1997

Dickson County High School girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.